

## HEARST CROWD DEFEATED ITSELF

Poor Management Turns Democratic Convention Against the Editor and Resolution Suffers Reverse.

Contention Over Matter of Indorsement Splits Party in Oregon in Twain.

## CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED

Judge Thomas O'Day for Supreme Judge and S. M. Douglas for State Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Portland, April 19.—(Special)—The democratic party of the state of Oregon today split on the rock of instruction. Primarily the fight was between the Cleveland democrats and those of the Bryan stripe, and the conservative element won out after the most bitter fight in the history of the democracy of the state.

A representative of The Astorian talked with fully 100 delegates who opposed the resolution indorsing the candidacy of W. R. Hearst for the presidency, and, except in three cases, was assured that all favored the California man. They objected only to the manner in which his candidacy had been presented to the convention, and by a decisive vote downed the resolution instructing the national delegates for him. The outcome of the badly managed campaign of the supporters of Mr. Hearst was the election of eight delegates who are known to be antagonistic to his candidacy, and as a consequence the party is split in twain in the state.

It was said at the convention that the Hearst proposition should never have been brought up for action. It might with equal reason have been said that the convention should not have been held. The Hearst candidacy was by far the greatest issue before the convention, and it was there for settlement. The convention was not made up of an inferior body of men. It was made up of the intelligence of the party of the state. The delegates knew what they were about. They met an issue which they were anxious to meet. Its settlement has

disrupted the organization, but to what extent can not be told until the votes are counted in December.

The Hearst resolution was an iron-clad one. It highly commended the great publisher and instructed the national delegation to vote for him first, last and all the time. The report of the committee on order of business provided a time for the introduction of resolutions, but Chairman Bilyeu, himself a strong Hearst man, entertained the resolution immediately following the report of the platform committee. This was the first blunder the Hearst men made. Delegates favoring the editor's candidacy felt they were being treated as children and resented what they regarded an effort to force on them something the majority actually favored. It was a most peculiar political situation and even those opposed to instruction of the Oregon delegation were surprised with the result of the vote. Before the roll of counties was called they said the resolution would certainly be adopted, but it was downed 151 to 115.

It can be said for the Hearst men they took defeat better than the other faction would have taken it. A few of them left the hall, but did so quietly, whereas practically all of the anti-instruction speakers made threatening addresses in opposition to the resolution. The speeches following the introduction of the resolution were unusually bitter, and the longer the delegates talked the more bitter became the expressions. Hearst men cried out their disapproval of the sentiment voiced by the anti-Cleveland democrats were at the back of the opposition and as the debate proceeded the Hearst following became demoralized. Starting with an overwhelming majority the Hearst people permitted their strength to be taken from them, until they were beaten at their own game and by men originally favorable to their resolution. It was perhaps the most glaring instance of mismanagement in the history of Oregon politics.

The entire afternoon was spent in discussion of the Hearst resolution, and it was 5 o'clock when the vote was finally taken and the resolution beaten. Then adjournment was taken until 7:30. After adjournment many of the Hearst men lost interest. Some drowned their sorrows in the flowing bowl, while others took the night trains out of Portland. When the session was resumed the Hearst men were demoralized, although a resolution was adopted commending the action of Mr. Hearst in causing suit to be instituted against the coal mine owners of Pennsylvania. This resolution was adopted just before the convention adjourned for the night, and reflects rather the political sense of the victors than the sentiment for Mr.

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## TORONTO IN THROES OF FIRE THAT RAGES IN SPITE OF FIREMEN

Heroic Effort to Get Conflagration Under Control Fails, the Loss Already Reaches \$10,000,000.

Wholesale District Suffers Most But Other Portions of City Guttled by Insatiable Flames That Sweep Everything Before Them—Buffalo and Other Neighboring Cities Sending Help.

Toronto, April 18.—A fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale business district tonight, causing a loss which will probably reach \$10,000,000. The fire started in a factory in Wellington street about 9 o'clock. In less than an hour the flames had spread from building to building on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames and the fire was utterly beyond the control of the local department. Appeals were sent to every surrounding city where fire apparatus could be obtained, asking for assistance. Montreal, London, Hamilton and Buffalo at once responded, but it will be hours before they can be of assistance.

It was believed at 11 o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shift in the wind again fanned the

flames into a roar and clouds of sparks and burning brands were carried down the side streets until three entire blocks were doomed. The firemen were making a gallant fight amid falling buildings and tangled wires, but their efforts at midnight seemed to be fruitless.

At 1:30 this (Wednesday) morning Bay street was on fire from Wellington street down to lake front, but the firemen were meeting with success in their efforts to prevent further spread.

At 2:30 a. m. the fire is still burning fiercely, but the acting fire chief said the fire was practically under control, although there is still danger of it spreading further to the west. Firemen have arrived from London, Hamilton and Buffalo.

## RUSSIANS TENDER OVATION TO RETURNING VICE ADMIRAL

En-Route to Far East to Assume Command of Fleet Skrydloff is Greeted by Thousands.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—Vice Admiral Skrydloff arrived here today on his way to the far east, where he will take command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the people, who thronged the streets.

The vast Znamenskaya square, opposite the Nicholas railroad station, was black with people, and the policeguarding the platform were unable to cope with the crowds, which broke through the cordon and rushed toward the train.

There were repeated outbreaks of enthusiastic cheers as the admiral left the car, and from the bareheaded throng a peasant stepped out and presented Skrydloff with a copy of a picture entitled "The Holy Virgin of Joy to the Afflicted," which is reputed to have miraculous power. The peasant also presented the admiral with consecrated bread, telling Skrydloff that he saluted him in the name of the masses of the Russian people, all of whose hopes depended on him as the hero of the Russo-Turkish war.

"The people are convinced," added the spokesman, "that Admiral Skrydloff will justify the hopes of the emperor and the fatherland, and like the virgin whose picture has just been given him, will bring joy, and content to a people now afflicted."

The admiral, who was visibly affected, took the picture, declaring that he accepted it as a happy presage, and adding that he would not part with the picture throughout the campaign, and that he would put all his faith in God.

A representative of the middle classes presented the admiral with a picture of St. Theodosius, the miracle-worker of Czoriakoff.

The admiral then returned to his carriage and drove on, followed by shouts of "Long Live Skrydloff."

On arrival at his hotel a little girl presented the admiral with a bouquet, painting him as the "supreme commander of my brothers who are serving in the far east."

"God help you," said the child. "In all your paths, and may good fortune

attend you always during the war for the glory of our dear country."

The admiral embraced the girl and the action brought out cheers.

Addressing the newspaper men, the admiral declared he was deeply sensible of the kindness shown him. Subsequently Skrydloff called on the Grand Duke Alexis, high admiral, and Vice Admiral Avellan, chief of the admiralty. Tomorrow he will be received in audience by the emperor and empress. Probably he will return to Sebastopol Saturday, formally to hand over the Black sea fleet to his successor.

Admiral Skrydloff received a popular demonstration, the scene rivaling those witnessed at the time of General Kourapatkin's departure for the far east. The Nevsky prospect was crowded from end to end and the depot was almost taken by assault. The admiral was accompanied by Lieutenant Shishile, whose brother was lost on board the Petropavlovsk, and who begged for the privilege of taking his brother's place.

Admiral Skrydloff married a Jewess, and the number of prominent Hebrews among the crowd at the station was especially noticeable. The admiral informed the correspondent that he would remain in St. Petersburg four days and return to Sebastopol and thence proceed to Port Arthur. The admiral addressed a delegation which called at his hotel, saying:

"It is well understood what Russia expects at this difficult hour. The emperor has assigned me to a trying post. I am going to summon all my strength and knowledge to serve the emperor and my country. The enemy is formidable, but Russia is irresistible. I trust in God and Russia's might."

## CHANGE OF BASE.

Auditing System of Harriman Lines Go to Chicago.

Salt Lake, April 19.—According to the Desert News the auditing system of the Harriman lines will shortly be moved to Chicago from Omaha and a

chief engineer is to be appointed who will pass upon all improvements under way and yet to come on the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific Railway.

The man slated for this position, says the News, is J. B. Berry of Omaha, now chief engineer for the Union Pacific.

## ALEXIEFF SEEKS RETIREMENT.

Viceroy Applies to Czar to Be Relieved of Position.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the emperor to be relieved of his position of viceroy in the far east.

It is expected that the request will be immediately granted. While no official announcement has yet been made, there is reason to believe that the above statement is correct.

## EIGHT PRISONERS KILLED.

Wreck on Mexican Central Occurs With Awful Results.

Mexico City, April 18.—The north bound fast passenger train on the Mexican Central, which left this city last night, about four kilometers north of Soerates today jumped the track, the wreck resulting in the death of eight persons and injury to 35 or 40 others. The train was bowling along at a high rate of speed when a defective rail precipitated the locomotive and five cars following it down an embankment, totally demolishing them. Two Pullmans were the only cars which did not leave the track.

## WINTER WHEAT DOING WELL.

Weather Bureau's Report Speaks of Crop Conditions.

Washington, April 19.—The weather bureau's summary, referring to the crop conditions on the Pacific coast, says:

Pacific coast states and Rocky mountain districts reported a week of highly favorable conditions. Winter wheat has made splendid growth on the Pacific coast and particularly in Washington and Oregon. Spring wheat seeding has been in active progress on the north Pacific, about one half the area in Washington having been sown.

## Marathon Road Race.

Boston, April 19.—Michael Spring of the Pastime Athletic club in New York won the Marathon road race of 25 miles today covering the distance in two hours 38 minutes and 4 2-5 seconds. T. J. Hicks of Cambridge was second and E. F. Cook of South Boston was third.

## HOUSE PASSES BILL MAKING TWO STATES

Measure Provides for Admission of Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arizona and New Mexico.

Plan is for them to Be Known as Oklahoma and Arizona Respectively.

## ARIZONA DELEGATE OPPOSES

Minority Leader Williams Expresses Opinion That no Republican Has Faith in Law.

Washington, April 19.—After a debate extending through the entire session, the house today passed the bill providing for the joint statehood of Oklahoma and Indian territory under the name of Oklahoma, and Arizona and New Mexico under the name of Arizona. In discussing the rule which had been reported by the committee on rules providing for immediate consideration of the bill, Mr. Williams, the minority leader, declared no republican had any idea the bill would become law at this session. Delegate Williams of Arizona opposed the bill. It was favored by Delegates Rodey of New Mexico and McGuire of Oklahoma.

Washington, April 19.—The question of additional accommodation in the way office and committee room occupied the attention of the senate for the greater portion of the day. The subject rose in connection with the provisions in the sundry civil appropriation bill, one of which is for the extension of the east front capital building. Much variety of opinion was expressed and the question was still under consideration when the senate adjourned. Several minor bills were passed during the day.

## Jury Ordered Discharged.

San Francisco, April 19.—The jury in the case of Thomas Davis, charged with assault upon the person of Mrs. Ames of Marshfield, Ore., on the high seas, after being out all night, failed to agree and was ordered discharged in the United States circuit court today.

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